

June 6, 1990

Helen P. Steele  
5146 Elder Rd.  
Ferndale, WA 98248

Dear Ms. Steele:

Your letter was referred to me because I have done some research on the Greek population in Astoria, most of which I did for Frank Angleton of New Jersey. He was interested in early Greek fishermen. Unfortunately, I was not able to prove that there were any in the area much before 1880. A copy of one of my letters is enclosed here.

Also enclosed are a number of lists that I typed for him. I did not keep copies of all that I sent him, and it may not be what you are interested in anyway.

If you look at the census for 1880, 1900 and 1910, you will find Greeks living mainly in the Clifton area. Names from some of these census' are enclosed.

There is also a list enclosed of articles about Greeks. If there is anything in particular that you would like me to look up for you, please let me know. If you have a substantial amount of work you want copied, you might let me know and I will forward the letter to the Genealogy Society. We could then let you know what the hourly rate would be.

In looking through a death register for Clatsop County for 1907 to 1915, you might be interested in the following deaths of Greeks:

Out of 12 deaths listed in this one register, 7 were from natural causes, 1 was from drowning, 1 died of carbolic acid poisoning, 1 accidental discharge of dynamite, 1 typhoid fever, and one murdered by wound on head by some unknown person or motive.

If you would like more information, let us know.

Sincerely,



Liisa Penner, President  
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Astoria Daily Budget October 14, 1912:6

At a mass meeting of the Greeks residing in Astoria vicinity held Sunday afternoon, 110 men signed the roll agreeing to return to their native land to engage in war against Turkey, whenever a call for their service is made. A purse of \$3000 was raised to pay the expenses of the party as far as New York from where the Greek government will provide transportation. A telegram was sent by the committee to the Greek Consul in New York notifying him what had been done and the committee is now awaiting further instruction from him.

Astoria Daily Budget October 15, 1912:6

Responding to a telegram received Monday afternoon from the Greek consul at New York stating their services will be needed in the pending war with Turkey, fifteen Greek residents of this city left last evening for New York enroute to their native land, ten more will leave tonight and others will start within a few days. One hundred and ten of the Astoria Greeks will go and others from Clifton, Westport and Wauna are expected to respond to the call so the total number from Clatsop will probably not be less than two hundred.

Astoria Daily Budget October 19, 1912

Approximately sixty of the Greek residents of this city, Westport, Clifton and Wauna have started for their native land to participate in the war with Turkey. Five more will leave this evening and next Tuesday about forty others from this county and from Knapton are to start. Notice has been received from the Greek consul at New York that the Greek Government has issued a call for all the members of the army and naval reserve, who are in America, but only a small portion of the men from here who are responding to the call are reservists.

December 17, 1987

Frank Angleton  
20 Fernhill Road  
Springfield, New Jersey 07081

Dear Mr. Angleton:

I am enclosing the results of my search for early Greeks in Clatsop County. I hope that it will be of use to you.

I could not find any definite dates for arrival before 1880. I could not find any Greeks on the 1870 census. However, from the large number of Greeks on the 1880 census in Clatsop County (copies are enclosed), it must be assumed that they probably arrived in the 1870's, if not before. The 1900 census for Clatsop County gives the number of years the people listed had been in the United States. But we don't know if they were on the West Coast then. The dates listed in the Clatsop County Declaration of Intent Index Book 1 also indicates that some of these people must have arrived here earlier. But does not tell just when.

There is a book titled "Surge to the Sea" by Thomas Doulis written for the Greek Orthodox Church in Portland. I have ordered it on inter-library loan from the Oregon State Library and will let you know if it has useful information for your search.

If you wish more information, I would be happy to help you.

Sincerely

Liisa Penner  
Rt. 3, Box 525  
Astoria, OR 97103

Buried in the Lewis and Clark Cemetery 6 miles south of Astoria from the book "Lewis and Clark Cemetery" by Liisa Penner and Bettie Mae Ober, published 1987 by the Clatsop County Genealogical Society.

Varillas, Nick Block 6, lot 3, grave is 2 spaces south of grave 6 (on outside of block) born 1852 in Greece died 23 Nov. 1927 75 years 11 months and 1 day old. Father was Lyman Varellas, mother Margareta --, parents born in Greece, worked at coffee house, fisherman, resided 509 Bond St., E.B. Hughes Mortuary. There is no headstone.

Karapeperis, Leon Block 9, lot 4, grave 1, born 1901 Greece died 6 Mar 1925, 24 years old, father D. Karapeperis, born in Greece, fisherman, E.B. Hughes Mortuary. There is no headstone.

Kouras, Nicholas Block 9, lot 4, grave 2, died 1931, no headstone. (I think that he may be Greek)

**Clatsop County Declaration of Intent Book 2**

All listed below were born in Greece.

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172 Antone Contos	25 Mar 1890
172 Elafthareo Elafthareo	26 Mar 18?
42 George Caycanes	14 Dec 1888 *
98 George Kepros	12 Sept 1889
119 Andrew Thompson	18 Oct 1889
148 Nicholas Falangas	16 Dec 1889
183 John Andre	5 May 1890
211 Panagiotis Katsoulis	24 July 1890
105 Antone Kiklas	28 Sept 1889
224 John Demetris	2 Sept 1890
290 Stomate Falangos	24 Mar 1891
291 John Baz	25 Mar 1891
293 Demetric A. Soucarichey	27 Mar 1891
331 Basel Papa Constantine	6 Aug 1891
333 Angelo Soffekete	8 Aug 1891
334 George Nicholas	8 Aug 1891
343 Nicholas Veralas	12 Aug 1891
352 George A. Bagley	17 Aug 1891
356 George Alexander	19 Aug 1891
356 Spero Juanetto	20 Aug 1891
363 Demitrius P. Spiropulos	31 Aug 1891
376 Nicholas Cavores?	10 Oct 1891

Clatsop County Declaration of Intent Index Book 1

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Angello Joseph	May 27, 1886
Athen George	May 18, 1888
Adamapple Constantine	Nov 24, 1888
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Bakalloe George	May 17, 1886
Bookovalle Emanuel J.	Apr 25, 1888
Constantine George	Dec 3, 1881
Constantine Nicholas	July 28, 1885
Casten Demetri P.	May 29, 1886
Dragolich Lazar	Dec 19, 1887
Elio Geo Constantine	Dec 3, 1881
Grimidi P. Constantine	Apr 27, 1888
Kerage Nicholas	Jan 4, 1888
Kalangas Fortis P.	Mar 27, 1888
Karthe? Ruhi?	May 30, 1888
Mitchell George	Aug 16, 1884
Mitchell John	May 17, 1886
Marin Peter	May 21, 1886
Marehefolas, Alex	Jan 25, 1887
Moro Basillio	Dec 17, 1887
Mackriyarmi Constantine	Feb 21 1888
Maretes Speros A.	Feb 27, 1888
Manuello Alisandro	May 29, 1888
Maren Peter	Sept 21, 1886
Malone Mitchell G.	Dec 29, 1889
Nicholas John	May 24 1886
Nicholas Mitchell	Dec 2, 1887
Nicholas John	Mar 27, 1888
Piciarella Nicholas	May 29, 1886
Salmon Antone	Sept 15, 1884
Skords Vaselas M.	Dec 29, 1887
Vulgaria Apostolos	May 28, 1888
Varage Demitre	May 31, 1888

Additional names in the 1880 Clatsop County Federal Census

Page 11, E.D. 21 Clifton

Rosey Georgie White Male 30 years old Fisherman 9 months unemployed can't read or write born in Greece, parents born in Greece

Marsy Mike W M 40 Fisherman single 1 month unemployed born in Greece, parents born in Greece

Papa John W M 55 Single Fisherman 1 month unemployed born in Greece, parents born in Greece

Page 32 E.D. 23 Astoria

270 272 Pasqually Joseph white male 59 years old, boarder, Fisherman single 4 months unemployed born Greece, parents born in Greece

Perema Nicholas White male 23 years old Boarder Fisherman 6 months unemployed single

The coroner's jury impaneled to inquire into the death of Antoine Verange met yesterday, but only brought out the facts as published in the Astorian of yesterday. Dr. J. A. Fulton testified that the wound was sufficient to have caused death in a few minutes, a stiletto evidently having been used. The motive of the murder could not have been robbery, as \$18 was found on young Verange's body. The dead man's uncle testified at the inquest that his nephew was of a jolly disposition, and that, so far as he knew, had no enemies. Verange was evidently killed because of the part he took in the fishermen's strike. While fishing one night his companion was shot and it is now thought Verange paid the penalty of earning a living. The jury adjourned till Friday, when it is expected more evidence will be produced. Verange is the eighth person killed at Clifton since April 10.

Varaga Demetre became citizen 8 Sept 1904:6

Varaggis Demetries M. dec int ADB 8-21-1903:8

Leonidas ADB 4-12-1899:4

Nicholas ADB 4-12-1899:4

Varagis Demetrios MA 2-6-1918:6

Varetis death notice AB 11-21-1927:1

Verango Antoin death DMA 11-18-1896:4

Vergenis George dec int ADB 7-9-1909:6

Voltis Nicholas dec int MA 9-30-28:4

he has no hotel 25 Mar 1914

Known as mayor of Clifton 19 Aug 1902

D. loaned Louis Kontas \$700 on fish boat and house  
at Clifton (Manhattan Station) 28 Sep 1920

Michael Giannouli Falanga given power of attorney by  
Greek relatives to handle estate of Demetrios Falangas of  
Clifton filed 5 Aug 1922

Falangas, D. Grand jury recommends liquor license be  
cancelled ADB 3-25-1914:1 Charged with selling liquor to  
minors ADB 3-26-1914:8

Demetrios & Laura charged with selling liquor  
without a license Jan 31, 1885

Laura charged on Apr 21, 1886 with selling less  
than a gallon of whiskey bail \$200. Case dismissed 22 Apr  
1886 following trial

Theotosior dec int MA 2-1-1918:6

Mrs. Minnie Evans death notice 42y wife of Joe  
Falangus of Clifton ADB 2-17-1913:6

Theodor son born ADB 6-20-07:6

Kepreos, Gust Declares intent ADB 8-30-1906:8

Kephrios, Efthimios Antonios dec in ADB 6-3-1909:6

Kerage Nicolas adm DMA 5-26-1897:3

Kalanger Fortis P. adm DMA 8-2-1892:4

Konias, Christ murdered and robbed at Clifton; Andrew  
Morieous held for crime ADB 2-8-1909:6

Konofaso, Georgios dec int MA 4-3-1918:6

Konomo, Mike death Clifton ADB 12-1-09:6

Marin, Enerico fisherman's body recovered DA 6-15-1881:3

Marenkos, Bessie May divorced from George ADB 11-3-1913:6

Manuel Michael given 3 years sentence in pen for theft of net  
August 26, 1879 DA (In the newspaper for this entry there  
was listed no nationality)

Nicholas Antone plans to sail open fishing boat to San  
Francisco DMA 8-2-1895:4

Arthur J. death notice 77y r Clifton ADB 12-6-1915:6

Sandy Gust V. died 50y drowned ADB 5-16-1908:6

John " DMA 8-26-96:4

Mrs. Margarita divorce DMA 10-3-1890:3

Martin death fisherman ADB 5-9-1902:4

These are entries that were listed in the index card file system at the Astoria Public Library. I looked up all the obituaries, but none was helpful in locating the Greeks in Clatsop County before 1880. The obituaries until the 1940's were very brief. I am not certain if all the people below were Greeks.

Adamapple, Eliz m Antonio Costes DMA 11-16-1892:3 (page)

Ellen m Don Peters DMA 10-22-1895:4

Mary m Anton Andru DMA 6-29-1892:3

Adamople, John suicide; age 28 Clifton ADB 7-5-1910:6  
Louisa (Mrs) death age 56 ADB 12-2-11:6

Andreans, Athena death ADB 6-20-07:6

Bakallive, George naturalized WA 5-22-1886:5

Bagleries Christ declares intent DMA 11-19-1896:4  
Slamitas " " DMA 11-19-1896:4

Caycanes, George dec int 11-3-1896:4

Chios George " " 1899:4

Constantine, Geo declares intent ADB 7-31-1907:6  
John admitted as citizen (adm c) ADB 6-1-1898:4  
Nicholas " " 6-19-1893:1  
Paul Charles age 9 adopted by Julian Paul and  
Charlotte Penfrat MA 11-14-18:6

Elich, Anton family moves to Aberdeen ADB 10-20-1905:6

Elieff Kostadin granted citizenship AB 9-7-1933:3

Flanagar Mujor adm cit DMA 4-4-1897:4

Falangas Demetri divorce denied from Minnie Falangas ADB  
12-19-1911:8

Demetris dec int MA 2-1-1918:6

John dec int DMA 11-19-1896:4 notice of death DMA  
10-23-1897:4

Leon dec int MA 4-2-1918:6

Falanges D. m Minnie Whelen DMA 9-29-1895:4

Demetin J. death notice Clifton; foul play suspected  
5-17-1918:1

Falangus (these notes in newspaper index file were made by  
the original indexer and don't give page numbers)

Grand jury cancels liquor license at Clifton since

Newspaper articles:

Oct 9, 1873 ?? page 1

The name of Clifton has been given to the new salmon fishery below Westport of which J.W. Cook, Portland is the principal owner.

Oct 23, 1897 Daily Morning Astorian page 4

The funeral of John Falangos, the man who was killed near Clifton on the railroad grade, took place yesterday from Pohl's undertaking parlor. It was attended by a large number of Greeks living in that section of the country. The interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Aug 27, 1906 Astoria Daily Budget page 6

Articles of incorporation of the Manhattan Packing Co. were filed in the county clerk's office this morning. The incorporators are Minnie Falangos, D. Falangos and Harrison Allen and the capital stock is \$15,000 divided into 150 shares of \$100 each. The object of the corporation is to cure and can salmon. It is understood that the company intends to erect a salmon cannery at Clifton.

Nov 21 1927 Astoria Budget page 1

Nick Varetis 75 Dies at the Hospital

Nick Varetis of this city died yesterday at a local hospital. He was born in Greece and has been a fisherman here for several years. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Hughes mortuary.

Abbreviations in the death and birth and cemetery records used are:

ADB Astoria Daily Budget newspaper  
b born  
adm admitted as a citizen  
d died  
dec int declares intention to become a citizen  
DMA Daily Morning Astorian \*  
E.D. Enumeration District  
f female  
fa father  
m male, married  
ma married  
MA Morning Astorian newspaper  
mo mother  
occ occupation  
r resided  
s single  
w white  
WA Weekly Astorian newspaper  
y or yrs years

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1900 Census Clatsop County

marked white male born in

102 Movoxocofola A head W M July 1850  
47 9 1/2 S G G 1880 20 fisherman PA  
age single from France wife Juise parents Ben  
in US toils in for 20 yrs occupation citizen  
Colono Mi 2 b. 1845 55 6-6-6 1875 25y  
boat puller boarder PA

\* 103 Vulgg A head fed 1835-65 S & G NA  
1863 37y Fishermen

104 Sandy Martipp head Sept 1827 72 S  
G G G 1868 32y fisherman PA

105 Nicholas A 2 head 1845 55-000 PA  
1885 15y fisherman

106 Alexander George head 1850 50 Seny NA  
G G G 1870 30 fisherman

107 Marr Peter head W M 1845 55-S NA  
G G G 1875 25 fisherman

108 ~~B~~ Ventura John Boarder W M 1840 60 S NA  
G G G 1880 20 fisherman

109 Nicholas John head W M 1850 45-S PA  
G G G 1875 25 fisherman

Cono Varelas Constantine head W M PA  
1867 33 S G G G 1896 4yr fisher

" Nick Braher W M 1852 48 S NA  
G G G 1880 20 fisherman

Census 1900

112 Masten, George head w/m 1864 36 S  
G G G 1896 4y fish PA

113 Anderson John head w/m 1855 45 S  
G G G 1880 20 fish NA

115 Capoia Nick head w/m b 1867/33 S  
G G G 1880 20 fish NA

116 ? Manuel w/m Mar 1877 23 S  
G G G ? ? NA

63 ? ? ?  
~~date~~

64 Flangas Mitchell head WM Nov 1875 24 S  
G G G 1895 5 fish NA

65 Sembira Anton head WM Jan 1854 46.  
mar. 17y G G G 1892 8y fish PA

Flangus Dometra boarder WM Dec 1872 27  
S G G G 1896 4 boat puller PA

66 Flangus S. head W m Jan 1855 45 Mar 3y  
G G G 1888 12 Na fisherman NA

J. Lazaroupeover G Boarder W M Oct 1870 29  
Mar 3 G G G 1899 1 boat puller ②

67 Kutchucas D. head WM Mar 1838 65 ③  
M 42y G G G 1888 12y boat puller

Kulchucos Mitchell son WM Oct 1857 42  
Mar 14 G G G 1894 6 fisher PA

~~68~~ Lagotetis E pannondos boarder WM Dec  
1853 46 M 16 G G G 1894 PA 6 boat pc

68 Kiripipiris Demitas head WM May  
1864 36y Mar 3 G G G 1894 6 Pa fisher

3 G G G 1895 5 ~~PA~~ Boat Pull PA  
Rick brother WM Mar 1872 28

69 Baglarie Christ head WM Sept 1857 42.  
M 15 G G G 1894 6 Pa fisherman PA

Chios George boarder WM Aug 1859 40 M 11  
G G G 1898 2 boat pul PA

Andrews George boarder WM Apr 1868 32  
M 12 G G G 1888 15 b pul NA

70 Verangi D. head WM 1845 55M 20 G G G  
1878 22 Na fisher

~~Leon~~ Leon boarder WM 1876 24 S  
G G G 1898 2 boat pul ~~PA~~ PA

Rigger Nick boarder WM 1864 36M 1  
G G G 1894 6 fisher PA

— Antone boarder WM 1872 28 G G G  
1895 5 Boat p. PA

73 Stratty Neck Head w/m Sept 1870 29  
S 606 1894 6 Sailor PA

Verander Nicholas Boorder w/m May 1875  
25 S 606 1899 1 boat p. PA

74 Flangus Neck head w/m Sept 1844/55  
Mar 35 606 1888 12 boat p. PA

Flangus Lion Boorder w/m July 1877  
22 5 Greece G-C 1894 6 fish AP

75 Salom<sup>2</sup>a Antone head w/m Jan MA  
1862 38 S Greece G-C 1876 24 fish

76 Baglaris Stepatis head w/m Oct 1854  
45 M 23 606 1893 7 fish PA

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w 7 G G-C 1896/4 Pa Boat P, PA

No. 2314

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## DECLARATION OF INTENTION

 Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof.

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF CLATSOP

ss:

In the CIRCUIT Courtof CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

I, Dimitris Palangas, aged 45 years,  
occupation Fisherman, do declare on oath that my personal  
description is: Color white, complexion darker, height 5 feet 10 inches,  
weight 172 pounds, color of hair black, color of eyes brown.  
other visible distinctive marks 3rd finger on left hand longer than 2nd joint, recumbent.  
I was born in Serres, Andro Greece  
on the 14th day of November, anno Domini 1872; I now reside  
at Linton, Clatsop County, Oregon  
(Give number, street, city or town, and State.)

I emigrated to the United States of America from Nice, France  
on the vessel La Savoie (French Line); my last  
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)  
foreign residence was Serres, Andro, Greece; I am single; married; the name  
of my wife is Erimi Palangas; she was born at Serres, Andro, Greece  
and now resides at Serres, Andro, Greece.  
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign  
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Greece,  
Navy of the Hellas, of whom I am now a subject;  
I arrived at the port of New York, in the  
State of New York, on or about the 21st day  
of March, anno Domini 1899; I am not an anarchist; I am not a  
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith  
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:  
SO HELP ME GOD.

Dimitris Palangas  
(Original signature of declarant.)Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of  
said Court this 31st day of January, anno Domini 1918.

[SEAL.]

By J. D. Linton  
Clerk of the CIRCUIT Court.  
R. M. Faloon, Deputy Clerk.  
14-58